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SUBJ: 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE: ARTICLE 17 ISSUE

(JUNE 16)

REF: (A) GENEVA 4826; (B) GENEVA 4812; (C) GENEVA 4813

1. SUMMARY: SITUATION IS STILL FLUID WITH NO CLEAR INDICATION
OF HOW ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT WILL BE HANDLED OR HOW IT WILL
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REACH PLENARY FOR DECISION. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS
CALLED BY ILC PRESIDENT AMEDUME HAVE TAKEN UP MAINWARING
(CANADA) PROPOSAL ON ARTICLE 17 SEPARATELY
FROM G-77 RESOLUTION ON STRUCTURE PROBLEMS (REF B) USDEL
WILL ENCOURAGE THIS SEPARATE APPROACH. END SUMMARY.

2. EVENING OF JUNE 15, ILC PRESIDENT AMEDUME CALLED

"INFORMAL MEETING" TO TRY TO RESOLVE IMPASSE ON ARTICLE 17 AND STRUCTURE ISSUES (SECOND MEETING WAS HELD MID-DAY JUNE 16). MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY ILC OFFICERS, DG BLANCHARD, HOROWITZ (US), COOK (AUSTRALIA), VELDKAMP (NETHERLANDS), HESS(UK), MAINWARING (CANADA) DEALWIS (SRI LANKA), EL SHAFEI (EGYPT), FRANIC (YUGOSLAVIA), AND SOVIET REP. SOVIETS SAID THEY OPPOSED AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 17 BUT EL-SHAFEI REACTED BY WELCOMING FOR G-77 CONSIDERATION A NEW TEXT ON AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 17; MAINWARING PROMISING TO PROVIDE A DRAFT THE NEXT DAY.

3. AT INFORMAL MEETING MID-DAY JUNE 16 (ATTENDED BY AMEDUME, BLANCHARD, HOROWITZ, HESS, MAINWARING, DE ALWIS, EL-SHAFEI, MAHMOND (MALAYSIA) AND MEXICAN AMBASSADOR ARMENDARIZ) MAINWARING INTRODUCED HIS DRAFTE (REPORTED SEPTEL WHICH HE EMPHASIZED WAS HURRIEDLY DONE AND NOT FINAL. EL-SHAFEI EXPRESSED INTEREST AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY IT TO G-77 MEETING MORNING OF JUNE 17. ON G-77 RESOLUTION (REF B) ON STRUCTURE ISSUES, MAINWARING, HESS, AND HOROWITZ MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WANTED THE PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE ELIMINATED AND THAT THE OPERATIVE PARA 2 (WHICH CONTAINS THREAT OF "SPECIAL SESSION" OF ILC ON STRUCTURE ISSUES IN 1979) WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE. EL-SHAFEI SHOWED NO GIVE ON G-77 RESOLUTION BUT TACITLY ACCEPTED SEPARATE DISCUSSION BY INFORMAL GROUP OF ARTICLE 17 AND STRUCTURE ISSUES.

4. HOROWITZ WILL SUGGEST TO BLANCHARD AND AMEDUME THAT ATTENDANCE AT INFORMAL MEETINGS BE MORE RESTRICTED IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CONFIDENTIAL

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SEPARATE HANDLING OF ARTICLE 17 AND STRUCTURE ISSUES.

5. AT ONE HOUR IMEC (INDUSTRIALIZED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES) CAUCUS ON ARTICLE 17/STRUCTURE ISSUES MORNING OF JUNE 16 (WHICH PRECEDED MEETING REPORTED PARA 3 ABOVE), DISCUSSION CENTERED ON MAINWARING TEXT BUT TIME DID NOT ALLOW FULL EXAMINATION. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT IT MEET IMEC OBJECTIVES AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH AT FUTURE MEETING. DISCUSSIONS SERVED ANOTHER USEFUL PURPOSE IN DISASSOCIATING IMEC FROM UNACCEPTABLE PROPOSAL BY SWEDISH EMPLOYER HOLTEN (REF C); HOLTEN WAS PRESENT AT IMEC MEETING. CAUCUS ALSO AGREED THAT PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE OF G-77 RESOLUTION (REF B) SHOULD BE REMOVED; OPERATIVE LANGUAGE WAS NOT DISCUSSED, EXCEPT FOR CLOSING REMARK BY HOROWITZ THAT PARA TWO WOULD ALSO HAVE TO GO.

6. DE MARTINO (STAFF MEMBER OF BLANCHARD'S CABINET) TOLD US BLANCHARD HAD SENT CHEF DE CABINET FORTIN TO SEE SOVDEL LEADER. FORTIN ASKED WHY USSR WAS TAKING STANDS WHICH WOULD FACILITATE

U.S. DEPARTURE FROM ILO, CITING SOVIET REFUSAL TO DISCUSS
ISRAELI CASE IN COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS, SOVIET
VOTE IN JUNE 3
PLENARY, AND SOVIET SUPPORT OF G-77 EFFORTS TO BLOCK AMENDMENT OF
ARTICLE 17. SOVDEL LEADER FLATLY DENIED USSR WANTED U.S. OUT OF
ILO AND SAID HE WOULD REPRIMAND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE
IN COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS (COMMENT:
SOVIET RESPONSE TO FORTIN STRIKES US AS CROCODILE
TEARS; SOVIET ACTIONS AT THIS CONFERENCE CLEARLY
SHOW THEY CAN ACCEPT US DEPARTURE FROM ILO).
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